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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: GRAHAM'S PLANS

1. JOHNNY GRAHAM WILL RETURN TO LONDON FROM SCOTLAND ON JULY 31 BUT IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN WHEN HE WILL DEPART FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA. OUR LATEST READING IS THAT OWEN WOULD LIKE AT LEAST GRAHAM IN THE FIELD BY MID-WEEK, PRIMARILY BECAUSE PARLIAMENT IS SCHEDULED TO DEBATE RHODESIA ON AUGUST 2 AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO POINT TO SOME MOTION.

2. OFFICIALS AT THE FCO, HOWEVER, BELIEVE A MID-WEEK DEPARTURE MAY BE TOO EARLY. SMITH WILL NOT HAVE SEEN EITHER MUZOREWA OR SITHOLE BY THAT TIME, AND IT WOULD THEREFORE BE UNLIKELY THAT A DECISION ON A CONFERENCE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. MOREOVER, THE FCO QUESTIONS WHETHER THIS IS THE BEST TIME TO DISCUSS RHODESIA WITH
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THE SOUTH AFRICANS GIVEN THE BRUISES OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS ON NAMIBIA, ALTHOUGH THIS ATTITUDE MAY CHANGE FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL SECURITY COUNCIL NAMIBIA DEBATE IN NEW YORK. IF OWEN CONTINUES TO INSIST, HOWEVER, GRAHAM MAY PROCEED TO LUSAKA AND AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

3. IN DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM WITH THE FCO IT WOULD
BE HELPFUL TO HAVE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW ON THE BEST TIMING
FOR RELAUNCHING THE GRAHAM/LOW MISSION.

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